

# CONNECTED

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## Marietta Water Takes Pride in Providing Area Residents With a Safe, Adequate Water Supply

When you woke up this morning what was the first thing you did? Did you take a shower or brush your teeth? Maybe you made a cup of coffee?

As Americans, we have the great privilege to live in a country where we do not have to worry about the water we use to brush our teeth or bathe. Around the world, more than 6,000 children die each day from illnesses related to poor water quality. In fact, a lack of safe drinking water and sanitation represents the number one health problem in the world.

As your local water source, Marietta Water works with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Environmental Protection Division to ensure that our community has a safe and adequate

water supply. These agencies test Marietta's water supply as raw water (prior to any treatment), after the treatment process and at various points of distribution in our system.

Each year in July, Marietta Water distributes the annual "Water Quality Report" to each customer in our system. This report provides consumers with information the yearly water monitoring results. Each year, we are able to report that the water provided to the Marietta community exceeds federal regulation. We take pride in providing the residents of Marietta with a safe, adequate water supply, which many people in the world do not have.

You can see the complete Water Quality Report online at [www.marietta.gov/docs/water.pdf](http://www.marietta.gov/docs/water.pdf). ⚡



## Please Help Improve Our Water Quality by Controlling Urban Storm Water Runoff

In the spirit of National Water Quality Month, the Marietta Board of Lights and Water encourages you to help improve the quality of the rivers and streams that supply our water needs.

You can help by making a commitment to:

### **Dispose of Household Chemicals Properly.**

Take used oil, antifreeze, paint, and other hazardous household chemicals, to an approved disposal facility. Do not pour them into the sewers or storm drains. Similarly, if you accidentally spill any of these chemicals, try to clean the spill up rather than using a water hose to wash them into

the street. Chemicals that end up on the street will flow directly into our lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands the next time it rains.

**Follow Instructions.** When using fertilizer and other lawn and garden chemicals follow the instructions carefully and apply as sparingly as possible.

**Put Litter in its Place.** Remove litter, pet wastes, leaves, and other debris from street gutters and storm drains adjacent to your property. These outlets drain directly to key sources of water.

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## Please Help Improve Our Water Quality by Controlling Urban Storm Water Runoff (continued)

**Make Informed Purchases.** To reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our bodies of water, choose cleaners and household detergents that are low in phosphorous.

**Conduct Frequent Inspections.** Have your car checked regularly and repair any oil, coolant, or other leaks that deposit chemicals on parking lots and roadways. Once on the road, these chemicals will flow directly into nearby bodies of water during the next rain shower. In addition, if your home has a septic system, have an expert come out to inspect

the system and pump it out every three to five years to ensure that it continues to operate properly.

**Minimize Soil Erosion.** You can control soil erosion on your property in a variety of ways. For example, simply planting ground cover can help to stabilize an erosion-prone area.

To learn more about the ways you can help maintain the quality of our water sources, please visit [www.city.marietta.ga.us/Water](http://www.city.marietta.ga.us/Water). ⚡

## Calendar of Events



### Saturday, August 27

*Cobb County Master Gardeners Demonstration*

Backacher Demonstration Garden  
1792 County Services Parkway  
Sessions on cooking, gardening, using and harvesting herbs.  
Free  
Call Cobb County Extension at (770) 528-4080 to pre-register.  
Registration: 8:30 am.

### Thursday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

*Brown Bag Concert Series*

Marietta Square  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy A free concert.  
A different performer every Thursday in September.  
Visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) or call (770) 794-5601 for information.

### September 3 through 5

*19th Annual Art in the Park*

*Glover Park in Marietta Square*

The fine art show will spotlight 150 artists and craftsmen.  
Saturday, September 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday, September 4, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday, September 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Free  
Call (770) 429-1115 for information



### Saturday, September 17

*13th Annual Antique Street Festival*

Marietta Square  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Festivities include live entertainment, dining, demonstrations, a classic car show and more.  
Visit [www.antiquesofmarietta.com](http://www.antiquesofmarietta.com) or call (770) 429-1115 for information.



### Saturday, September 17

*Hubcaps and History Car Show*

Marietta Square  
Vehicles will be on display along the east side of the square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.  
Call (770) 528-0430 for information

### September 22 through October 1

*North Georgia State Fair*

Jim R. Miller Park  
This fair is the largest in metro Atlanta and attracts nearly 300,000 people each year.  
Various rides and booths, flower shows, farm animals and concerts.  
Call (770) 423-1330 for information.

### Saturday, September 24

*Cobb County Master Gardeners Demonstration*

Backacher Demonstration Garden  
1792 County Services Parkway  
Session on plant propagation.  
Free  
Call (770) 528-4070 to pre-register.

